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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-221994, published August 9, 2002, previously submitted with IDS filed on January 4, 2006.
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-162998, published June 7, 2002, previously submitted with IDS filed on January 4, 2006.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-177623, published July 2, 1999, along with English Language Abstract.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-112874, published April 22, 1994, along with English Language Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for those indicated as being previously submitted.

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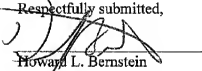
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